Out of the above 73 PAPs, the nominee of 10 PAPs have got employment against loss of land. 6 PAPs expired and 6 PAPs have received compensation but still cultivating their land as mining activities have not yet been taken up there.

Copper Reserves in Uttaranchal

†304. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of copper reserves in Uttaranchal and the quantum thereof;

(b) whether any scheme for commercial exploitation of the said copper reserves has been formulated by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COALAND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) while carrying out preliminary investigations/explorations for base metals, (copper, lead and zinc) has reported a reserve of 1.14 million tonnes at Askot, district Pithoragarh, 1.41 million tonnes at Amtiargad, and 0.39 million tonnes at Chamri (Kwanu), district Dehradun in Uttaranchal. However, no deposit of economic importance have been reported.

(b) and (c) Mineral Concessions are granted by the State Governments under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder. As per the National Mineral Policy 1993, the exploration and exploitation of these minerals has been thrown open to private investment and therefore commercial exploitation of minerals take place as per economic viability of the mineral.

Setting up of Non-coking coal washeries by C.I.L.

305. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of COALAND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. has taken any steps to set up non-coking coal washeries within the jurisdiction of each subsidiary coal company of Coal India Ltd; in view of increasing likely demand of non-coking coal because of Government's plan to increase power generating capacity in the next decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.